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TO ALL STATE DIRECTORS OF EXTENSION:

Subject: Current Farm Labor News No. 33

All States seem to be meeting the liquidation deadline in a satisfactory manner. A hasty review of the reports so far submitted by staff members, who have visited States during the past few weeks to check 1947 Farm Labor expenditures and receipts and to review inventories, indicates that in nearly all cases surplus farm labor property has been sold at reasonable prices. It is also evident that many county extension offices will be better equipped for the conduct of regular extension programs, because of the extra desk or typewriter acquired for use in the farm labor program. A number of States' 4-H Club camps will afford more and better accommodations for the club members who attend each year. I am happy that it worked out so State Extension Services could retain farm labor property needed in extension as a partial offset to the tremendous amount of Extension Service office space and equipment, not to mention Extension paid personnel, made available without charge to the Emergency Farm Labor Program.

Unobligated balances of Section 2 farm labor funds are running somewhat higher than anticipated, partly due to receipts from sales of property and the closing out of equipment rental and miscellaneous receipt accounts. As in all previous years, the U. S. Treasury will benefit greatly from the economical management of allocated farm labor funds by the State Extension Services. There is plenty of credit for Extension Directors to share with capable State Farm Labor Supervisors.

Enclosed for your information is a mimeographed copy of Secretary Anderson's letter to the presidents of Land-Grant Colleges, formally conveying his thanks for a "five-year-plan" that produced.

I had hoped to be able to enclose with this letter information regarding the post farm labor positions of State Farm Labor Supervisors, but we do not have a complete story yet. I can tell what is happening to those members of the Federal Extension farm labor staff who have visited your State or whom you have met at regional conferences during the past five years. They are moving effective January 31, as follows:

Ola Bennett, Division of Field Studies and Training
Roberta Clark, Department of Agriculture, Office for Food and Feed Conservation, Consumer Division, Information Specialist
A. D. Cobb, No definite decision as yet
Hugh F. Eames, Department of Agriculture, Office for Food and Feed Conservation, Information Specialist

Clinton Gaylord, No definite decision as yet
John D. Hervey, National Grange, Special Deputy, Washington, D. C. office
Barnard Joy, Department of Agriculture, Research and Marketing Administration,
Assistant to the Administrator
Ed Leker, No definite decision as yet
R. W. Oberlin, Department of Labor, United States Employment Service,
Agricultural Employment Specialist, Washington, D. C. office
C. W. E. Pittman, Department of Labor, United States Employment Service,
Agricultural Employment Specialist, Washington, D. C. office
I. H. Schmitt, No definite decision as yet
Gertrude Thomas, Division of Field Studies and Training
L. M. Vaughan, Assisting with the wind-up of the Emergency Farm Labor Program
Herman Welch, Division of Field Studies and Training

Yours truly will be busy for a few more weeks converting "completion" of liquidation of the farm labor program over into "final" liquidation after which I will endeavor to lift from Dr. Gladys Gallup's shoulders part of the heavy burden of Field Studies and Training Division responsibilities she has carried forward to new goals while I have enjoyed an extended "vacation(?)". That Dr. Joy will not also be returning to the Division of Field Studies and Training is a keen disappointment. The Cooperative Extension Service can ill afford to lose one who from early youth has persistently sought more and better training aimed at a 4-H Club-extension career. We are delighted though when ability and merit of associates are recognized by those outside the Extension circle.

Please urge your business office to complete the 1947 farm labor financial reports as soon after January 30 as the accounts can be safely closed. Please forward them to us as soon as completed. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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cc: State supervisors

